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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Accompanying Continuation Application under 37 CFR 1.53:

Prior Application: N. HARA et al  
Serial No. 10/176,582  
Filed: June 24, 2002

Group Art Unit: 2177  
Examiner: S. Channavajjala  
For: DATABASE PROCESSING METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application  
as follows.